



## DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA MARCH 1987

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# PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000		Four weeks ended	Coal (e) '000 tonnes
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1985-86—																
December	22,554	38.1	9,698	10,432	35,237	41,674	561	561	457	473	25.6	29.9	154	162	1985-86—	
January		34.4	9,846	10,536	33,473	41,714	592	589	336	500	12.9	36.9	91	188	January 11	3,135
February		38.8	9,407	10,538	36,321	42,435	504	565	503	518	30.0	31.9	153	156	February 8	11,902
March	23,910	40.6	10,265	10,639	40,007	42,332	545	536	508	508	30.7	30.5	124	140	March 8	9,850
April		39.0	9,970	10,516	43,516	47,467	547	581	516	527	25.2	27.8	147	149	April 5	11,485
May		40.7	10,801	10,414	48,382	44,753	585	556	513	476	33.3	29.7	125	140	May 31	10,738
June	22,716	23.3	11,246	10,385	50,418	44,355	562	550	487	487	31.2	29.7	134	144	June 28	14,990
1986-87—																
July		31.2	12,167	10,416	54,154	43,292	520	480	537	509	34.4	27.7	172	155	1986-87—	
August		39.0	11,578	10,618	50,122	44,413	581	563	488	451	29.6	26.2	154	133	July 26	15,066
September	22,984	39.7	10,645	10,638	45,734	42,552	590	584	511	494	28.9	25.8	177	154	August 23	15,385
October		38.3	10,613	10,605	45,784	45,328	562	560	516	495	29.6	25.3	210	166	September 20	15,101
November		37.0	10,104	10,798	39,497	41,791	548	590	516	489	29.4	28.4	185	160	October 18	14,652
December	22,653	32.2	10,346	10,985	38,245	44,943	567	562	r460	r481	24.0	27.3	169	175	November 15	14,231
January		34.7	10,261	11,086	36,703	46,261	542	540	r365	r537	6.9	19.7	r89	r192	December 13	15,756
February		34.1	9,971	11,169	38,596	45,045	474	532	482	496	27.7	29.6	r78	r181	January 10	3,227
															February 7	12,778

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics, Perth, Australia.

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vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

(c) Excludes lignite.

(b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R.

(c) Available for issue through mains, includes natural gas.

(d) Includes

## PRODUCTION—continued

## STOCKS(d)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufac- turing division(a) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)	Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of lambable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1985-86—															
December	2,248	2,974	682	855	10,829	13,758	168	190	431.1	678	499	59,802	75.6	40,811	40,918
January	1,291	4,235	595	894	4,510	11,537	180	196	434.4	604	519	46,438	80.1		
February	3,404	3,764	1,075	950	13,580	13,981	187	197	437.1	462	526	47,616	75.8		
March	3,286	3,116	1,008	1,043	14,427	14,212	189	203	434.6	411	539	46,516	75.6	42,118	42,117
April	3,192	3,288	1,016	940	13,449	13,632	211	202	431.8	312	504	46,276	76.5		
May	4,299	3,332	1,125	1,155	13,935	13,017	191	185	432.3	283	495	37,337	77.9		
June	3,334	3,023	954	1,097	15,035	13,082	180	195	435.0	281	505	32,907	76.8	42,011	42,205
1986-87—															
July	3,665	3,194	1,144	1,070	14,341	12,428	201	185	439.5	335	486	51,900	79.5		
August	3,884	3,363	1,007	1,042	15,170	13,987	186	196	443.8	481	480	91,747	82.1		
September	3,262	2,918	934	927	15,195	14,062	199	191	448.9	642	485	117,894	79.2	43,047	42,726
October	3,884	3,575	1,211	1,029	16,446	13,916	217	195	453.3	765	485	122,824	77.1		
November	r3,102	r3,045	938	780	r14,897	r14,115	195	201	456.6	740	495	99,566	74.6	43,719	43,836
December	2,450	3,159	715	841	12,087	15,109	191	207	p458.7	680	501	65,746	67.0		
January	849	2,750	531	856	3,647	9,545	179	202	p460.8	618	531	42,637	67.0		
February	3,374	3,707	828	730	17,431	17,926	192	200	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		
(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates to the manufacturing division of the manufacturing sector.															

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 36/29/0.

# FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Value of total exports (a) \$m	Value of total imports (a) \$m	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments— current transactions \$m		Official reserve assets (b) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
1985-86-									
January	3,118	3,273			234		-387	-1,122	12,133
February	2,617	2,625			235		-354	-390	12,925
March	2,608	2,604	6,164	5,469	232	146.0	-474	-1,095	12,811
April	2,418	2,565			230		-490	-1,492	12,553
May	2,724	2,744			228		-503	-1,217	12,504
June	2,632	2,736	5,682	5,325	234	140.8	-534	-1,186	13,024
1986-87-									
July	2,591	3,065			242		-879	-1,628	13,439
August	2,673	3,084			246		-812	-1,342	12,666
September	3,069	3,447	5,790	5,189	245	158.8	-843	-1,428	12,615
October	2,952	3,395			244		-954	-1,794	13,316
November	2,956	2,588			244		-264	-839	15,146
December	3,326	3,239	6,626	5,343	p243	p160.3	9	-568	15,581
January	2,825	3,100			p244		r-508	-1,254	13,846
February	p2,862	p3,027					r-91	-748	12,604
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	-81	-722	13,866

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

# INTERNAL TRADE

Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) \$m

Month	Total			Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists		Department stores		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (b) '000	
	Current prices			Average 1979-80 prices		Trend estimate		Seas. adj.		Trend estimate	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
<b>1985-86</b>											
January	4,276	4,429	4,401			1,400	1,384	435	500	33.7	38.5
February	3,903	4,403	4,420			1,308	1,400	361	496	31.5	35.1
March	4,163	4,426	4,443	7,811	8,361	1,409	1,417	416	492	34.3	35.4
April	4,285	4,435	4,476			1,380	1,433	491	404	39.5	11.6
May	4,707	4,537	4,517			1,471	1,447	578	495	36.3	33.8
June	4,197	4,589	4,562	8,190	8,396	1,380	1,459	423	502	34.5	33.9
<b>1986-87</b>											
July	4,479	4,593	4,604			1,453	1,467	508	511	37.0	33.6
August	4,434	4,645	4,637			1,440	1,471	442	519	37.4	35.8
September	4,486	4,664	4,661	8,151	8,471	1,430	1,474	507	526	33.2	33.1
October	4,775	4,697	4,680			1,527	1,478	512	532	32.4	31.8
November	4,738	4,672	4,701			1,485	1,476	537	538	28.7	30.5
December	6,428	4,710	4,723	9,427	8,343	1,724	1,496	1,054	543	31.5	30.5
January	4,621	4,761	4,745			1,523	1,506	470	546	27.6	32.6
February	4,237	4,785	4,763			1,425	1,515	392	547	28.2	31.5
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	32.0	29.7

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

# WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (£)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time persons (£)	Index of minimum award rates of pay, full-time adult persons June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each index: Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)								
	All males	All females	All persons	F		All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(s)
1983-86—				F										
January				216.3										
February	422.70	276.40	404.20	216.4	1.25	150.5	146.1	139.0	155.0	152.1	159.0	167.5	133.5	131.2
March				216.4										
April				216.4										
May	425.50	278.20	409.20	216.6	1.23	153.0	149.4	145.4	157.8	154.3	156.4	171.0	139.6	133.4
June				216.6										
1986-87—				F										
July				221.6										
August	437.20	282.90	418.90	221.6	1.16	157.0	153.5	146.1	160.5	156.9	164.4	174.9	143.3	137.0
September				221.6										
October				221.6										
November	446.30	287.60	427.20	221.6	1.29	161.5	156.0	152.2	163.1	160.3	171.9	180.2	153.6	139.1
December				221.6										
January				221.6										
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	221.6	1.19	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	153.1	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
March				221.6										

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

## BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approvals \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Price index (a)		Private new capital expenditure (\$m/ft)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in house building (Base year 1983-86 = 100.0)	Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0)	Buildings and structures		Equipment, plant and machinery	
												Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1983-86—															
December	1,261.5	1,291.9	10.8	11.8	341.4	4,399.7	4,456.2	36.2	35.6	99.8	167.6	1,608	1,393	3,534	3,412
January	1,204.7	1,507.1	10.0	12.4	289.5					100.3	166.6				
February	1,086.9	1,244.9	10.0	10.9	158.4					100.8	170.0				
March	1,057.8	1,195.2	9.5	10.2	184.9	3,843.3	4,113.9	30.5	33.2	101.2	171.0	1,272	1,492	3,014	3,460
April	1,486.2	1,396.4	10.3	9.5	199.2					101.7	171.6				
May	1,365.2	1,243.2	10.5	9.7	324.6					101.9	172.5				
June	1,789.6	1,682.8	11.3	11.2	715.6	3,904.4	3,797.3	29.8	29.0	102.3	173.6	1,613	1,579	3,660	3,349
1986-87—															
July	1,320.7	1,237.1	11.8	11.1	258.9					102.6	175.4				
August	1,457.1	1,429.0	9.9	9.8	324.7					103.2	176.5				
September	1,288.1	1,262.7	10.4	10.0	181.5	4,885.0	4,651.5	30.9	29.8	104.1	177.9	1,747	1,810	3,569	3,621
October	1,421.9	1,343.4	10.8	10.0	210.8					p105.1	p178.8				
November	1,376.9	1,348.8	10.1	10.0	367.6					p105.3	p179.4				
December	1,404.1	1,390.6	9.9	10.4	291.3	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p105.5	p179.9	1,889	1,634	4,398	4,237
January	1,124.5	1,463.7	7.8	9.9	236.0					p105.8	p180.7				
February	1,154.0	1,323.3	9.2	10.0	194.7					n.y.a.	n.y.a.				

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities.

(b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

## FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1985-86—											
January	39,104	38,805	43,660	43,582	38,469	38,857	545	150	100	14.65	5,738
February	39,738	39,014	43,800	43,786	38,970	39,577	521	156	101	14.15	5,831
March	39,316	39,175	44,549	44,459	39,821	40,007	481	151	99	13.30	5,007
April	40,354	41,141	45,521	44,876	41,781	41,191	706	173	97	12.65	9,255
May	40,624	41,068	44,748	44,905	41,038	40,742	734	141	100	12.70	7,276
June	42,602	42,486	44,346	44,562	41,022	41,083	699	125	85	12.80	6,243
1986-87—											
July	43,392	43,722	44,261	44,513	41,827	41,679	840	157	76	14.50	5,113
August	43,924	44,005	43,567	44,083	41,904	42,053	692	166	68	15.10	6,326
September	43,931	44,083	43,466	43,639	41,998	42,305	742	177	68	15.15	5,025
October	44,122	44,204	44,293	44,327	43,256	42,786	914	193	73	14.30	n.y.a.
November	44,395	44,575	43,653	43,771	42,792	42,735	816	164	67	14.25	n.y.a.
December	45,681	45,040	44,511	43,802	43,555	43,361	899	153	66	14.05	n.y.a.
January	45,669	45,334	45,098	45,064	43,919	44,357	679	133	57	14.70	n.y.a.
February	45,914	45,087	45,343	45,231	43,801	44,455	871	167	69	15.05	n.y.a.
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	46,544	46,451	44,540	44,728	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	14.50	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government insurance funds. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds.

**NATIONAL ACCOUNTS**  
(Rm)

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
<b>AT CURRENT PRICES</b>														
1985-86—														
September	58,029	58,640	1,567	2,255	56,462	56,385	33,830	34,120	10,528	10,977	9,631	9,696	3,912	4,345
December	64,309	58,950	4,576	2,256	59,733	56,694	37,059	35,009	11,753	11,371	10,028	9,538	4,507	4,461
March	57,521	60,418	1,623	2,299	55,898	58,119	34,216	35,638	10,920	11,551	8,703	9,725	3,773	4,402
June	59,080	61,483	1,191	2,220	57,889	59,263	36,049	36,531	12,597	11,865	9,879	9,333	5,278	4,257
1986-87—														
September	62,208	62,375	1,874	2,346	60,344	60,029	37,421	37,587	11,660	12,152	9,880	9,963	4,451	4,978
December	69,418	64,373	4,144	2,428	65,274	61,945	40,459	38,316	12,618	12,201	11,094	10,543	4,753	4,711
<b>AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES</b>														
1985-86—														
September	36,153	36,647	1,574	2,065	34,579	34,582	21,003	21,149	6,346	6,636	5,915	5,962	2,290	2,548
December	40,069	36,256	3,936	2,123	36,133	34,133	22,587	21,266	7,014	6,756	5,935	5,658	2,594	2,567
March	34,303	36,379	1,531	2,168	32,772	34,211	20,209	21,114	6,336	6,732	5,033	5,620	2,103	2,457
June	34,755	36,196	1,382	2,115	33,373	34,081	21,009	21,266	7,373	6,928	5,580	5,259	2,948	2,376
1986-87—														
September	35,840	36,259	1,662	2,170	34,178	34,089	21,163	21,282	6,524	6,823	5,404	5,452	2,380	2,665
December	40,354	36,672	3,893	2,264	36,461	34,408	22,409	21,162	7,075	6,807	5,907	5,623	2,505	2,482

**AT CURRENT PRICES—continued**

Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Wages, salaries and supplements		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Household income (original)			
							Companies		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements	Total household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1985-86—														
September	11,869	11,201	9,755	9,747	28,320	28,784	8,721	8,446	13,974	14,102	28,338	45,378	7,683	37,695
December	11,574	11,636	9,479	9,482	31,267	29,741	8,306	7,574	17,738	14,509	31,267	53,633	7,661	45,972
March	10,944	11,525	9,719	9,923	29,405	30,784	7,142	7,863	13,757	15,023	29,402	46,980	9,132	37,848
June	10,986	11,051	9,159	8,994	31,306	31,251	7,364	7,842	13,533	15,609	31,310	51,013	14,173	36,840
1986-87—														
September	12,295	11,579	9,761	9,732	31,706	32,069	8,042	7,736	15,766	15,807	31,713	51,245	9,006	42,239
December	12,139	12,200	10,930	10,878	34,230	32,513	9,261	8,452	18,608	15,939	34,223	57,712	8,994	48,718

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**SURVEY  
OF JOB  
VACANCIES  
(d)**

**LABOUR FORCE(a)**

Month	Employed(b) ('000 persons)				Unemployed(b) ('000 persons)				Unemployment rate(b) (per cent)		Participation rate(b) (per cent)		Number of job vacancies ('000)	
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total		Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)		
	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)						
1985—														
December	5,638.9	5,571.7	6,918.9	6,846.0	479.7	468.8	583.9	569.2	7.8	7.7	62.2	61.5		
1986—														
January	5,603.6	5,614.8	6,719.1	6,851.2	529.6	483.6	623.2	587.8	8.5	7.9	60.0	61.6		
February	5,638.8	5,628.9	6,827.4	6,864.9	548.8	490.1	661.2	598.5	8.9	8.0	61.9	61.7	59.0	
March	5,638.5	5,614.2	6,926.3	6,879.1	506.7	480.8	640.4	593.2	8.5	7.9	62.4	61.6		
April	5,620.1	5,640.2	6,962.1	6,959.5	485.1	484.7	606.9	597.1	8.0	7.9	62.3	62.2		
May	5,615.8	5,629.7	6,944.5	6,918.5	483.3	486.9	592.2	591.5	7.9	7.9	62.0	61.9	54.4	
June	5,634.9	5,660.7	6,972.7	6,979.2	457.0	469.1	561.9	577.0	7.5	7.6	61.9	62.0		
July	5,631.2	5,624.4	6,958.4	6,946.6	490.9	515.4	594.2	627.4	7.9	8.2	61.2	61.9		
August	5,582.4	5,640.1	6,885.7	6,942.9	490.7	504.4	595.6	623.5	8.0	8.3	61.2	61.9	48.6	
September	5,666.9	5,642.4	7,007.6	6,965.7	517.6	525.3	631.6	630.5	8.3	8.3	62.4	62.0		
October	5,661.9	5,667.5	7,000.3	6,984.0	485.9	529.1	590.1	639.3	7.8	8.4	61.8	62.1		
November	5,647.6	5,648.4	7,006.9	6,966.4	489.1	531.8	583.3	636.7	7.7	8.4	61.7	61.8	51.9	
December	5,724.0	5,633.9	7,092.0	7,014.8	545.7	538.4	655.5	644.5	8.5	8.4	62.9	62.1		
1987—														
January	5,648.8	5,658.6	6,878.3	7,020.4	575.0	529.3	671.4	638.3	8.9	8.3	61.1	62.0	62.7	
February	5,681.0	5,671.4	6,998.2	7,041.4	581.1	518.9	699.6	631.9	9.1	8.2	62.2	62.0		

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population census, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. For further information see *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (b) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see *Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0).

**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)  
PERSONS ('000)**

Month	Australia											Total Govt. and Private		
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	Government				
										Commonwealth	State(b)		Local	Total
1985—														
October	1,897.4	1,503.1	800.3	466.2	493.7	145.1	56.3	112.9	3,757.2	431.1	1,131.0	155.7	1,717.8	5,475.1
November	1,915.2	1,516.4	805.4	468.4	495.6	146.7	56.4	113.8	3,796.5	432.3	1,133.3	155.9	1,721.5	5,517.9
December	1,913.7	1,518.4	798.9	466.3	498.3	146.7	54.3	114.2	3,803.9	432.9	1,122.2	154.9	1,710.0	5,513.9
1986—														
January	1,871.8	1,521.0	792.4	458.0	490.4	140.7	52.8	112.2	3,781.9	431.6	1,074.3	151.7	1,657.6	5,439.4
February	1,914.7	1,548.1	807.3	468.6	501.7	143.4	55.4	114.9	3,832.9	434.1	1,113.6	155.5	1,703.2	5,556.1
March	1,923.5	1,556.2	807.6	470.9	505.9	145.8	55.6	116.6	3,854.7	434.2	1,136.7	156.9	1,726.5	5,581.2
April	1,909.4	1,568.0	813.3	470.6	502.7	147.2	57.5	117.3	3,848.7	438.6	1,143.2	155.5	1,737.3	5,585.9
May	1,903.2	1,569.9	815.1	468.3	504.6	147.1	58.9	117.1	3,860.0	442.4	1,126.0	155.8	1,724.2	5,584.2
June	1,926.4	1,581.4	819.5	470.5	509.9	148.8	60.0	118.5	3,848.1	482.1	1,148.2	157.1	1,787.4	5,635.5
July	1,937.3	1,573.7	808.0	469.8	512.9	148.6	56.8	119.7	3,840.6	480.4	1,174.4	156.9	1,746.9	5,675.7
August	1,925.2	1,569.7	802.7	465.7	511.7	147.5	56.9	118.3	3,850.9	439.4	1,150.3	157.2	1,746.9	5,597.8
September	1,927.2	1,567.2	805.5	464.7	513.5	147.0	57.0	119.1	3,853.5	439.6	1,154.3	157.2	1,751.1	5,601.5
October	1,946.5	1,566.9	804.0	483.0	515.4	149.0	56.8	121.3	3,889.4	438.7	1,158.5	156.3	1,753.3	5,643.0
November	1,962.3	1,573.3	805.2	485.1	520.0	151.1	55.5	120.8	3,925.1	438.8	1,153.3	156.1	1,748.2	5,673.3
December	1,959.4	1,579.1	803.0	484.1	521.5	151.5	55.0	120.3	3,948.2	440.1	1,130.1	155.3	1,725.5	5,675.7

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia* (6248.0) and *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (8750.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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